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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1741**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Katsutoshi NOSAKI et al.

Attorney Docket No: 107348-00096

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Filed: March 13, 2001

Examiner: Thomas H. Parsons

For: WATER ELECTROLYTIC APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 3, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 28, 2002 and the personal interview conducted August 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended Twice) A water electrolytic apparatus comprising a plurality of water electrolytic cells each having a solid polymer electrolyte membrane, an anode, and a cathode, the anode and the cathode being plate shaped and arranged on opposite sides of said electrolyte membrane, respectively, said water electrolytic cells being developed on a hypothetical plane and electrically connected in series to one another, wherein each of said water electrolytic cell, said solid polymer electrolyte membrane, said anode, and said cathode are developed on respective hypothetical

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